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SUBJECT: MODERATES ON TOP IN WIFAQ SHURA ELECTIONS

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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(SBU) Summary: Moderates won a majority of the 15 seats in elections for the Shura Council of the Shi'a Wifaq society, Bahrain's largest poli
- 2.(SBU) The Al-Wifaq National Islamic Society held a general assembly meeting on May 31, and elected half of its 30 member Shura Council (refte
- 4.(SBU) Each of the approximately 1,000 voters selected up to 15 candidates from a ballot that included candidates' names and photos. Conservat
- 5.(SBU) The general assembly overruled conservatives' objections and amended the society's bylaws to eliminate the two-term limit for the socie
- 6.(C) Comment: Since the parliamentary elections in 2006, Wifaq's leadership has focused on parliament to the exclusion of almost everything el